

Hawthorn Happenings

Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

The Park Hill School District is devoted to continuous school improvement and as a district we have a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, CSIP. Each school in turn has a Building School Improvement Plan, BSIP, that is related to the district CSIP and is used to help our school to continue to improve. We have five areas of school improvement and they are called the FACES of Park Hill and the five areas are Financial, Academic, Customer, Employee and Supervision. At Hawthorn the members of our Leadership Council are goal champions for each of these committees and work with other Hawthorn staff members to think of ideas, programs or strategies we can implement to help meet the needs of our students. I am going to provide an overview Hawthorn's BSIP plan listing our goal for each area and then activities we will be doing to meet this goal.

Financial: Our goal is to operate Hawthorn in a financially responsible manner with integrity and efficiency.

- 1) Expand our recycling efforts of paper, cardboard, aluminum, and plastic to include our HW families. Community Service project for Student Leadership Team and inform PTA of money saved/made because of these efforts.
- 2) Implement guidelines of the Energy Conservation and Building Management practices provided by Park Hill's Energy Specialists. Report to parents money saved through these efforts.
- 3) Create "HW Office Supply" space for all to use. Each grade level gives small amount of budget towards purchasing basic office supplies for shared use. This will reduce buying office supplies just to spend down grade level budgets.

Academic: Our goal is to increase the percent of HW students who are proficient and advanced on the Missouri GLA in both Math and Communication Arts.

- 1) Our 3rd-5th grade teachers will work to analyze data on a consistent basis to make guide their instructional decisions.
- 2) Hold quarterly GLA Marathon days using GLA released items and practice our testing procedures.
- 3) Provide Beyond the Bell in our community to offer homework support and extra skills instruction.
- 4) Implement Writer's Workshop building wide.
- 5) Implement IARS—Integration of At Risk Supports, to meet the needs of our struggling readers.
- 6) Provide Success Maker Club to students at HW.
- 7) ELL teacher will provide instruction on BAV, Building Academic Vocabulary, to support classroom teachers.

Academic: Our goal is to increase the percent of HW students who report their current educational program is relevant to them.

- 1) HW teachers implement aspects of Continuous Classroom with focus on data notebooks, goal setting and class meetings.
- 2) HW teachers will relate their learning objectives to how they will help students be successful in the real world.
- 3) Weekly announcements will be made to inform students how what they are learning in school will help and prepare them for the real world.

Customer: Our goal is to increase the percentage of HW students and parents who report we are meeting their individual needs.

- 1) Continue to implement HW's Watch DOGS program.
- 2) Teachers will conduct class meetings at least 2 times per month to form relationships with students and earn their trust. They will also differentiate with students between their personal needs and academic needs at Hawthorn.
- 3) HW will continue with year two of PBS, Positive Behavior Supports, to teach students appropriate behaviors.
- 4) HW will implement CICO procedure for students needing more support for their behaviors.
- 5) Continue to implement RtI, Response to Intervention, to meet the academic needs of our students.
- 6) Teachers will share information from STAR Reading and Math reports to keep parents informed of academic progress.

Employee: Our goal is to have all HW staff achieve "meets" on the evaluation criteria.

- 1) HW staff will be encouraged to attend professional development opportunities to improve their teaching.
- 2) HW staff will work with district Instructional Coaches to collaborate and improve their teaching.
- 3) HW staff will do a book study of "Teach Like a Champion" to learn researched strategies that increase student achievement.
- 4) HW administration will meet with classified personnel on a monthly basis for staff development and open discussions.
- 5) HW will provide on-going training and support to employees to adequately prepare them for their job.

Supervision: Our goal is to decrease the number of unsafe incidences per 100 students at HW.

- 1) Implement PBS/BIST to reduce inappropriate behaviors and create safe environment for students.
- 2) Continue with our Husky Patrol, 5th grade students monitoring our hallways, to ensure students walk and are safe.
- 3) Continue with our Watch DOGS program to provide positive male role models for our students.

Supervision: Our goal is to increase the percentage of Hawthorn students who report their teachers really care about them.

- 1) Continue with our PBS program to teach appropriate behaviors and let students know we care about them.
- 2) Teachers will discuss student concerns related to a "caring" environment with their students during class meetings.
- 3) Teachers will form positive relationships with their students through daily interaction and class meetings.

Our staff does many more things than those listed above, but these are the activities we believe will help to make our school a better place. If you have any questions about our BSIP plan, please feel free to give me a call.

Safety Drills

Being prepared for emergencies is a priority for Hawthorn and that is why we do a variety of drills each month/semester. In October we conducted our monthly fire drill and students were able to exit the building in 1 minute and 45 seconds and we were able to account for all students in under 5 minutes. I am impressed with how seriously our students take these drills and know that if we ever had a real emergency, we would be prepared and know exactly what to do.

McTeacher Night

Thank you to all of our family and friends who attended Hawthorn's fall McTeacher Night. We were able to raise \$917.31 for our school. This is the most we have ever raised and the money will be spent on instructional materials for our teachers and students. I have to tell you I love this night. It is a fun fundraiser, however more importantly to me it is a great opportunity for Hawthorn teachers and families to get together outside of school to socialize and have a good time. We will be doing this again in February, so be looking for that date after the first of the year.

Hawthorn Math-A-Thon Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Hawthorn school fundraiser this year. The students worked very hard gathering pledges and completing their math problems correctly. I am happy to announce we were able to raise, \$7,175.00 for our school. We will be using this money to make needed updates to our playground with our first priority being to totally enclose the playground area with a fence. Thanks again for all your help, without the support of our Hawthorn parents, this fundraiser would not have been a success.

Recycling at Hawthorn

Part of Hawthorn's Building School Improvement Plan, BSIP, is to increase our recycling efforts schoolwide. Each room has a recycling bin for paper products and each "pod" area has a larger bin for "co-mingle" items such as cardboard, aluminum and plastic. We know at Hawthorn recycling is an effort that is good for our environment and also can raise money for our school. We are asking for you to join in our recycling efforts by bringing your recyclable items to Hawthorn when possible. In the corner of the north parking lot are two bins for paper only and next to the school by the large trash dumpster is a "co-mingled" bin which is for cardboard, aluminum, and plastic items. This bin says "cardboard only" on it, but you are able to put the other items in there as well. I am working on getting a new bin that will be placed by the others in the parking lot, but have not completed this task as of yet. Thanks in advance for helping us to not only help our environment, but to help raise money for our school as well. If you have any questions regarding our recycling efforts, please give me a call at 359-4390.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOV. 1ST—PTA MEETING—7:30 PM
NOV. 3RD—3RD GRADE LEVEL DEMONSTRATION
NOV. 6TH—18TH—MAJOR SAVOR CAMPAIGN
NOV. 12TH—MERCURY GYM NIGHT—6:30 TO 8:00
NOV. 17TH—5TH GRADE MUSICAL
NOV. 23RD TO NOV. 27TH—THANKSGIVING BREAK

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We want to extend a huge thank you to all our parents who were able to attend our 2011 Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a great time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their academic progress and how they are progressing socially. To be successful in education we all need to work as a team and taking the time to meet with your teacher is one way we can help our students be successful.



Hawthorn Heroes

Each month at Hawthorn we will be working on a life skill. We will share examples of the life skill over the announcements and students are expected to practice this skill throughout the month. At the end of the month, classroom teachers choose two or three students who did an exemplary job of displaying the monthly life skill and these students are chosen as a Hawthorn Hero. Each Hawthorn Hero will get a sticker to put in your car window if you choose. They will also be recognized by their teacher in front of their peers. Listed below are the life skills for each month this school year.

September—Respect
December—Compassion
March—Perseverance

October—Responsibility
January—Kindness
April—Effort

November—Positive Role Model
February—Honesty
May—Sportsmanship

The Hawthorn Heroes for the month of October are listed below!

Borsella	Meinke	Sweney	Cazzell	Hild	Smith	Wells
Jordan Duong	Kyndra Cates	Morgan Lewis	Monique Robles	Bethany Behrends	Carley Ayers	Megan Spicer
Anna Gust	Kaeden Pak	Aubrie Boehler	Carson Ayers	Aaron Cummings	Ryan Deakins	John Rieger
<i>Tristan Thomas</i>					Kaylee Wade	
Nicholson	Toyne	White	Lyons	Coen	Webster	Wilson
Brandon Barnett	Sarah Dunn	Grant Barry	Jameer Smith	Chloe Aquino	Sarah Turpen	Samantha Bertoncino
Christian Cummings	James Haug	Aidan Young		Zoey Greenfield	Frank Costanzo	Gavin Franke
		Carly Wells			Cassidy Whorton	Natalie Johnson
Harrison	Pickett	Pittman	Andruska	Mestel	Roepe	Braudrick
Grant Gwartney	Mahailet Mamo	Narson Langu	Bailey Frerking	Abigail Culp	Ashtin Gravley	Taylor Frerking
Katy Haug	Walker Rausch	Kailey Wallace	Blaze Yusten	Kolby Heinerikson	Payton Stanfield	
Abby Rens	Jessie Binkley			Cameron Knight		

Miles of Smiles

The Miles of Smiles Dental program was set up at Hawthorn for a week at the beginning of October. During that week, they saw 20 patients which entailed 85 chair visits. If this amount of work had been done in a regular dental office, the expenses would have been over \$15, 342!!! They truly do amazing work, and a great service for our families!